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BIRTH.—On the 18th November 1899, at Uli Uli, Manil., the wife of H. D. C. Jones, Hongkong, and Shanghai Banking Corporation, of a son.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, November 27th, 1899.

In the Legislative Council on Thursday H. E. the Governor, referring to the memorandum of the unofficial members on the public works estimates, said it must be admitted by all that in using the premia derived from land sales we were using the capital of the colony, and that the question arose as to whether the money or a certain portion of it should not be put into a reserve fund in view of future necessity. We venture to dissent *in toto* from the proposition that the colony should build up a reserve fund in cash. The best reserve fund the colony can have is represented by public works of such a character as to contribute to the permanent prosperity of the colony and the well-being of its inhabitants. It is in the prosecution of such works that all money derived from land sales should be employed. It is no doubt correct that the unused land represents capital, but it is unproductive capital. When the land is sold it at once begins to bring in revenue, and from every point of view it is better that the land should pass into useful occupation than that it should remain idle. His Excellency spoke of spending money on works which are not of permanent utility, by which His Excellency possibly means such works as described in the Estimates as "annually re-current," are naturally chargeable to the general revenue, that is, the revenue exclusive of that derived from premia on land sales, and are so charged. It is now many years since the Colonial Office issued instructions that the revenue derived from premia on land sales was to be kept separate from the general revenue, and my prudent financier in framing a budget would naturally treat that particular item as of uncertain amount, and as likely at some remote period to disappear altogether. But in the meantime the sum brought into account under that heading cannot be better employed than in the prosecution of necessary public works. On the average of any long period the cost of public works of permanent utility will be found to considerably exceed the amount derived from premia on land sales, and in maintaining that it would not be correct to use revenue coming under that heading for works not of permanent utility. His Excellency was contrasting in shadow. But the point of importance in His Excellency's remarks is the suggestion that the colony should set about building up a cash reserve. That was the policy followed by the late Sir John Pope

HENNESSY, and those of our renters who were resident in the colony during the administration of that Governor will remember how, in pursuit of that unfortunate policy, public works were starved and the progress of the colony retarded.

Moreover, a cash reserve gives a fictitious air of affluence to a colony and invites increased demands for Imperial purposes, such as the military contribution, or directions to carry out Colonial Office fiat that do not command themselves to public opinion, such as the building of new goals. A cash reserve is, in fact, a thing to be avoided, not cultivated.

We may cheerfully hand down to our successors works of permanent utility executed to meet recognised needs, but it is quite a different thing to hoard up money to hand it down in cash. Each generation has the duty thrown upon it of expending its revenue to the best advantage, having regard to both present and future needs. More hoarding is the worst possible use to which the public revenue could be put.

This Coroner's Abolition Ordinance, which throws on to the Police Magistrate the duties formerly discharged by the Coroner, provides that "whenever any person shall die suddenly, or by accident or violence, or under suspicious circumstances, or whenever any dead body shall be found within the colony or shall be brought into the colony, the Magistrate may, if he considers an enquiry to be necessary, enquire into the cause of death of such person without a jury, or if he shall think fit with a jury of three persons as hereinafter provided," etc.

In the enquiry now proceeding into the deaths of two men of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers the assistance of a jury would be inappropriate to discuss in detail the grounds peculiar to the present case on which that opinion is based, but it may not be considered improper to state as a matter of general principle that the object of the Coroner's Abolition Ordinance was not in any degree to diminish the thoroughness of the enquiry in any doubtful case, but merely to do away with useless formalities.

Mr. J. McLeavy Brown is at present visiting Hongkong.

Lieut. B. C. Fairfax, Durham L.I., has been appointed to the Chinese Regiment at Weihai-wei.

The Secretary of the New Soldiers and Sailors' Home funds to gratefully acknowledge the following sums:

Sir T. Jackson ..... \$200.00

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Other lists will follow as they are handed in.

An Order-in-Council is published in the Gazette affecting that any correspondence which is sent to the Colonies from any place outside the colony for the purpose of being posted to the colony shall be charged, upon being posted at the General Post Office of the colony, with the same rates of postage as if such correspondence had been posted at any office other than in the colony.

Sir Ortiz, Consul of Spain at Tarragona and who was sent in charge of the Consulate at Hongkong, has been transferred to Cupatitz, where a French Consulate is being established by his Government. The Consul, in a ringing of his official career, says—He is a most popular man wherever he goes and distinguished for his good, practical, common sense and unusual goodness of heart. On Sir Ortiz's departure the Consulate here is to be abolished and Spanish interests thereafter at both Tamsui and Yamen cared for by the British Consul at those places.

A telegram in a Cordon paper reads—Political

criticism is to see in the chronological sequence of the visit of the Tex to the Emperor of Germany and of the latter to the Queen an omen among the three Great Powers, which will prevent the East war becoming the excuse for a great Continental conflagration. The action of the Empire prohibiting German ships, whatever the size or masts, from taking service in the Transvaal, which is to be released as a change in German opinion of England from one of opposition and distrust to that of sympathy and support.

An important case affecting dog owners came before Mr. Gomperts, Acting Police Magistrate, on Saturday, it being in fact the first prosecution under the new law relating to the quarantining of dogs. Among the passengers of the *Hanover* from Haiphong was a goatman who had been infected with rinderpest.

Two of these Danish hounds imported into the colony, and he was accordingly charged with landing dogs without submitting them to the three months' quarantine at the station in the Cattle Depot at Kowloon. A fine of \$20 was imposed, and the dogs were removed to the Depot to undergo the period of quarantine.

In the Straits the military contribution has been increased from 1% to 20 per cent., the colony being relieved, as an equivalent, of the remission charges for hire of services and defence works. One of the despatches on the subject from the Colonial Office to the Treasury contains the following passage:—Mr. Secretary Chamberlain admits that the Colonial Department will still be liable to pay to the Royal Engineers £100,000 per annum for the maintenance of the Royal Engineers in the Colony, and that the sum will be paid to the Royal Engineers for military purposes.

The War Department on the other hand being bound to freely surrender to the Colony any sites no longer required for such purposes, but such provision of sites does not concern the Legislature and cannot therefore be properly secured by Ordinance. The matter will come into the hands of the Royal Engineers.

A special telegram in the Indian Daily News referring to the late Commander Egerton, before of his death was received, saying—

There is great satisfaction expressed at the promotion of the field from Lieutenant to Commander of the gallant Egerton, who had directed the operations of the Naval Brigade.

H.M.S. *Peveril* in a manner that reflects

credit on the Royal Engineers.

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The Chinaman landed at Marseilles from the steamer *India* were not all, as stated, workmen for the French Exhibition. About fifty of them have been brought to Bordeaux, and embarked on board the *Feldherren* for Soudan. They are destined for the services of automobiles which is to run across the Sudan. London and Paris Express.

From a telegram in a Cordon paper we learn

that the French copyright action the Judges

had heard the appeal, while disavowing sym-

pathy with Mr. Ivan, the publisher, respecting

certain speeches extracted verbatim from the Times has notified an appeal to the House of Lords.

It is reported by wire from Hamburg that the *Das Deutsche Landesbank*, of Copenhagen, has obtained a concession for the Bank of Siam. French and Russian Bankers are largely interested in this very important undertaking, and it is understood that German Bankers have also a share in it. The Bangkok Times discards the reported arrangement on the ground that it is contrary to Siam's national policy of keeping national undertakings in her own hands.

Reports are in circulation as to impending changes in the mail days, consequent on the introduction of the German line's fast service.

If the English and French mails con-

tinued to leave at present on alternate Sat-

days and the German mail fortnightly, the

result would be that the Boers

would have twice as many days leaving

as the English mail on Monday, Wednesday,

Friday and Sunday.

REPORTS ON THE CHINESE REVOLT.

The Boers are to be moving from

Natal towards Bloemfontein.

THE DRAGOONS GO TO DURBAN.

The Dragon Guards have proceeded to Durban from Capetown.

LONDON, 24th November.

HILDYARD ENGAGING THE ENEMY.

A heavy cannonade and musketry fire was

opened yesterday in the direction of Willow-

grange which was doubtless due to General

Hildyard engaging the enemy.

NIGHT ATTACK BY WHITE.

It is reported that General White made a

night attack on Sunday and captured several

Boer positions with guns and much material of

war.

REPORTE D RETIREMENT OF THE BOERS FROM NATAL.

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THE DRAGOONS GO TO BELMONT.

The Boer losses at Belmont are not known.

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